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# PARTIES 'MUST BE UNITED' ON GREYFRIARS SITE PLAN

# COUNCIL SEVERS TIES WITH COMPANY ON SHOPPING MALL DEAL

The borough council leader has pledged to gain crossparty support before pressing ahead with retail plans for the Greyfriars site, after the authority severed ties with Legal & General.

The borough's Liberal Democrat group signed a development agreement with Legal & General, the current Grosvenor Centre owners, to expand the town's shopping offer on to the former bus depot site when it was in charge of the authority in 2009.

But the firm never moved forward with the £250m plans, because it feared a 31-acre bid for shopping and leisure at Rushden Lakes would make any scheme financially unviable.

This week, leader of the borough council, Councillor David Mackintosh (Con, Rectory Farm) announced the authority had terminated

the development agreement with Legal & General, 14 years to the day since the firm first promised to 'double' the size of the Grosvenor Centre with a £300m investment.

But at Monday night's council meeting the leader of the authority was urged to gain full party support – and the support of the public - before pressing ahead with a development plan of its own.

Councillor Les Marriott (Lab, Semilong) said: "My big fear is that this redevelopment of Greyfriars will be rushed in time for the elections next May. The new bus station was rushed and look at the problems we had.

"This site is too important for the town centre, for us to get it wrong. It needs an allparty sign-up to find a way to bring forward this site."

Councillor Mackintosh agreed this would have to be the case. We are going to open this up so we can have a proper

public debate about what we want to see on this site," he

But debate raged as to which political party was to blame for the 14-year delay in bringing a retail development forward for the town.

Councillor Mackintosh condemned the Liberal Democrat Group for signing a development agreement with Legal & General.

But Lib Dem leader Sally Beardsworth, said: "It's such  $a\,shame\,that\,when\,we\,left\,this$ administration we had signed a contract and it was going to go forward. We were going to have £300m invested in the town and that would have made a huge difference. Now that has gone.

In an at times fraught exchange, Councillor Mackintosh responded: "If the Lib Dems think Legal &General were ever going ahead with this development you are the only ones that did.



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Russell Errington-Thorne will be marrying his fiancee, Sarah Haddon, next month. Mr Errington-Thorne was told by doctors that he would never walk or talk again after an accident while on holiday.

# 'Doctors said I'd never talk, now I am to wed'

By Francesca Gosling

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A man from Northampton, who was told he would never walk or talk again after falling from a balcony while on holiday, has now found a job, a house and is planning his wedding.

Russell Errington-Thorne, aged 26, of St Davids Road in Kingsthorpe in Northampton, thought he would be paralysed for life after falling off a balcony whilst on a post-GCSE exam holiday in Magaluf, in Majorca in Spain, in 2004.

During his month-long stay in intensive care in a Spanish hospital, his mother, Gill, was even told to prepare to switch off his life support machine.

Mr Errington-Thorne has subsequently endured years of physiotherapy and rehabilitation to learn how to walk and

He now works for G4S Security in Moulton Park, he rents his own house, rides a moped and is planning to marry his fiancee, Sarah Haddon, aged 23, next month after the pair met while working with young people's charity, Prince's Trust, who supported Mr Errington af-

Still unsure exactly what happened on the night of the accident, Mr Errington only knows that he fell from a balcony and sustained severe head and spinal injuries.

Mr Errington said: "Doctors said I'd never walk or talk again. It was really hard at first, always seeing my friends doing things I should be doing

too. I became very depressed."

Mr Errington's sister Rebecca Harris said: "One day, as we tried to get him to respond to us in hospital, he squeezed my hand.

"He was in a wheelchair, and then a frame, for at least a  $year\,before\,he\,started\,to\,walk$ again and we were over the moon. They told him he'd never walk again but Russell has always been very stubborn."

Miss Harris said her brother had also suffered bullying when he got home, with some seeing the siblings as vulnerable targets and calling them names.

In 2011, Mr Errington made national news after he chased down a mugger who stole a handbag from an elderly wom-

He said: "I held him down

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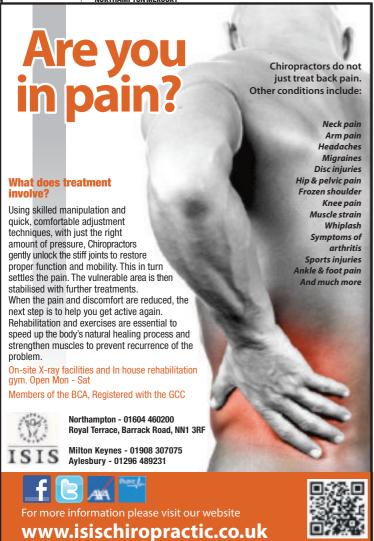
His family went through weeks of distress as they tried to organise to have him brought back to the UK after he underwent two major operations at a hospital in Palma in Spain. At the time, Mr Err-

ington's mother, Gill Harris, said that hospital officials in Spain agreed with her that he would be better off in Britain, surrounded by family and friends.

an on the bus. until authorities arrived. The lady cooked me a lovely dinner to say thank you. She'll be at our wedding."

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# Schools take a

Staff and pupils at a Northamptonshire school were celebrating after being crowned the winner of the School of the Year in the annual Education Awards

Grendon CofE School took the title at a presentation evening held at the Park Inn by Radisson and attended by more than 450 people. The awards are organised by the *Chroni*cle & Echo and the Northamptonshire Telegraph and held in conjunction with the Northamptonshire County Council and Connexions Youth Ambition Awards.

In the school of the year category, sponsored by Stanair and Shire Security, Grendon CofE School was nominated along with Queen Eleanor Primary School, Wren Spinney School and Kingsthorpe College. Judges praised Grendon for being ranked number one in North ampton shire for highachieving pupils.

In the other categories, Bridgewater Primary School won the ICT Award, sponsored by Northampton Town Area Improvement Partner-



ship, for their ICT skills in building a game, Bridge Craft, and the children's use of blogs and Twitter for social development.

The Best In Primary School Award, sponsored by Incredible Bakery Company, was won by Grendon CofE Primary School for gaining an outstanding rating from Ofsted and giving pupils the chance to drive their own learning.

Wren Spinney School won the Best in Secondary School Award, sponsored by Northamptonshire Connexions, for their Wren Spinney News film which details all the news from the previous week in a five-minute clip.

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The Sports Achievement Award, sponsored by The Qube, was won by Taylor Hinds in the individual cate-

gory, for her achievement in being selected for Arsenal Ladies FC and England under 15 Football Training Squad, and by Wrenn School Rugby Team, for their hard work in winning the national under 15 champi-

The Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by Western Power Distribution, was won by Debbie Withers, for her 23 years' service to Wren Spin-

#### THE WINNERS

- he winners of the Northamptonshire Youth Ambition Awards, sponsored by Northamptonshire County Council and Connexions, were as follows:
- The Arts Award: Wrenn Spinney News Team.
- Project or Campaign of the Year: Phoenix Youth Centre
- Young Apprentice of the Year: Katherine Vass
- Role Model of the Year: **Gabrielle Steel**
- The Taking Charge of Your Life award had joint winners: Mark Atkins (better known as Sparkie) and Mohammed

Fatahi

ney School and 14 years as headteacher. The final award in the Education Awards was the The University of Northampton's Education Achievement of the Year award, which went to Grendon CofE School.

# Cloudy2Clear Windows - Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their

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Cloudy2Clear service the Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough & Corby areas and Trevor is finding that his

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# 'Help abuse victims'

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Everyone needs to be able to spot the signs when young women are being threatened by their own families, a specialist Northamptonshire Police officer has warned.

The Chron reported last week that there were 180 victims at risk of forced marriage or honour-based abuse in Northamptonshire over the last five

Although many of the perpetrators are either originally from Asia or are descendants of Asians, DI Richard Tompkins, of the police's vulnerable people department, said it would be a mistake for everyone else in the county to believe such threats will not affect them.

He said: "Perhaps your family is never likely to threaten you in that way, but it doesn't mean it doesn't affect you. If you can spot that they are showing signs or suggestions of being abused, or that they're frightened, knowing



Detective Inspector Richard Tompkins has urged people to look out for the signs of victims of forced marriages.

about the issue can help you encourage them to seek help."

Northamptonshire Police said the pressure arising from forced marriages - women either in them or fearing them – can ultimately lead to mur-

The crime is bracketed under 'honour-based violence'

#### 'The family grabbed her hair and tried to take her away

because the root of it is often the feeling that a relation has harmed the family honour by trying to break with an approved relationships.

New laws have recently come into practice that prevent parents taking a child of any age out of the UK in order to enter them into a forced marriage.

Nonetheless police still expect to have to thwart attempts by families to enforce their own culture on girls living here.

DI Tompkins said: "We had one incident in Northamptonshire last year where a family from out of the county travelled here and tried to kidnap a young girl. They dragged her by her hair and tried to take her away in the car. It was only some bystanders who spotted how stressed she was that stopped them getting away."

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# Alfie's pony ride raises £500 for anti-cancer dogs

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A five-year-old boy from Northamptonshire has raised £500 for dogs who can sniff out signs of cancer by riding his pony 12 miles.

Alfie Murtagh, from Cogenhoe, took part in the Milton Keynes event in a bid to support the Medical Detection Dogs (MDD), a charity that trains sniffer dogs to detect

Not only was he the youngest of the 200 riders taking part - and of all participants in the event's history - but he also raised the second largest total when he rode his pony, Coco, through the Buckinghamshire countryside during the charity's 9th Canter for a Cure event.

Alfie's mother, Lisa Duffy, 43, said: "He had a great time and won lots of prizes, and he wanted to do it again straight

"He wanted to do it last year, but I didn't let him go because he was too young.
"He asked if he could do it

this year with me and I said well, we'll give it a go.

"Now he is planning on more events.'

Last year's horse ride helped to raise £14,000 for the charity's Cancer Detection Dog Team, a team of specially-trained dogs that can provide second line screen-



Alfie Murtagh raised £500 with a 12-mile pony ride.

ing for cancer.

The successful "Think Pink" event took place on one of the hottest days of the year, where a record number of riders and their horses trotted along the twelve mile trail in support of the charity.

The Medical Detection Dogs currently have 30 hounds that are being trained to detect cancers that are difficult to diagnose reliably, including

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Riders at this year's event got the chance to take on Canter for a Cure's cross country jumps if they chose.

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# Eighteen children facing sex claims

Eighteen children under the age of 18 were accused of sexual offences against other children in the last year in Northamptonshire, according to figures from the NSPCC.

The children's charity revealed the information as part of a national campaign that showed 8,000 children in the last two years were questioned with one report being made to police about a child who was just three years old.

Northamptonshire Police gave the details under a Freedom of Information request.

A spokesman for the charity said: "Whilst most abusers were male there were a small proportion of female abusers as well as both male and femalevictims. Crimes included serious sexual assaults, rape, and obscene publication offences. Up to two thirds of contact sexual abuse on children is committed by other young people. But whilst these



crimes are shocking, this behaviour can be turned around if caught early.

"The NSPCC's harmful sexual behaviour service, 'Turn the Page', is showing great success in helping young offenders change their behaviour and stopping them committing more sexual crimes as they get older," he added.

Sandra McNair, NSPCC regional head of service, said: "It's deeply concerning that thousands of children are committing sexual offences including serious assaults and rape. For very young children, such as those of primary school age or younger, we have to question the environment in which they are growing up in that has led to them behaving in this way," she added.

Any adult worried about a child or in need of help and advice can contact the NSPCC's helpline on 0808 800 5000. Children and young people can contact ChildLine on 0800 1111.



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# Music therapy charity gets £73,000 from BBC appeal

A grant of £73,852 has been awarded to a Northamptonshire charity that provides music therapy for seriously ill children by BBC Children in Need

Thomas's Fund was founded in 2007 following the death of Lucy Martin's son, Thomas, in 2004 from a neuro-degenerative disease. Since then it has helped children and their families across the county.

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Esther Mitchell, lead music therapist from Thomas's Fund, said: "This grant gives the charity great stability and will fund two days of music therapy per week for three years.

"It supports vital work with children and young people with life-limiting conditions who are too ill to attend school. They often feel very isolated and too unwell to trav-



 ${\bf COUNTY\,CHARITY\,Thomas's\,Fund\,provides\,music\,therapy\,for\,children}$ 

el, so Thomas's Fund's music therapists work in homes and the children's wards at Northampton General Hospital."

Lucy added: "Thomas's love of music was evident during his sessions at Fairfields Special School. You could see the enjoyment and control he gained from them. Sadly, when Thomas was too ill to attend school, music therapy was not available to him.

"After he died, his school music therapist, Jan Hall, approached me and the seeds for the charity were sown."

Since 2007 Thomas's Fund

has grown tremendously due to the demand for its service. Its team of three Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registered music therapists provides four days of therapy a week.

"Over the past year alone, the team has carried out 502 sessions and travelled over 7,300 miles to reach individuals who otherwise would not be able to get to music therapy," says Esther.

Music therapy provides a safe, therapeutic space where individuals can have a nonverbal outlet for self-expression. They can explore specific issues, such as end of life, or can work towards musical aims including the development of communication, social or physical skills. The team accept referrals from parents/carers, health and education professionals and can be contacted at www.thomassfund.org.uk or email thomas@nsg.northants.sch.uk.

# Post office revamp will extend hours

A POST office in Northampton is to be refurbished ahead of opening seven days a week and not closing at lunchtime.

White Hills Post Office will close on Wednesday, July 30 and re-open on Monday, August 11 after the revamp. One of the main changes will be that the Post Office terminal will sit alongside the till, rather than behind a screened-off area.

Postmaster Bhavnesh Patel will extend the length of the Post Office's opening hours, in line with the opening hours of the family-run newsagents store,

The opening hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6am to 6.30pm; Wednesday and Saturday from 6am to 7.30pm and Sunday from 7am to 1pm.

Mr Patel, said: "I am delighted to be taking on responsibility for the Post Office at our family-run store.

"My father, Rajesh, had been the postmaster in the past. Local residents will 'Local residents will now be able to access a wide range of Post Office services during our shop opening hours -this is an extra 41 hours a week'

now be able to access a wide range of Post Office services during our shop opening hours – this is an extra 41 hours a week – double the Post Office's current opening hours. There will be no morelunchtime closing, earlier opening and later closing. The branch will also soon open Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning."

Peter Wilkinson, area manager, said: "We are delighted that there is a new, permanent operator to take on this branch.

"The modernisation is part of a major Government investment programme," he added.

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# Pensioner signs up for swimming appeal

By Nick Spoors

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An 84-year-old Northampton great-grandfather who only ventures into the pool on holiday is in line to be the oldest competitor in a charity swimming event.

Denzil Holland, from Cherry Lodge, will be taking part in Swim Northants later this month, helping to raise money for Northampton Samaritans and The Lighthouse Centre.

The veteran fundraiser will be one of dozens of swimmers taking part in the event at The Mounts Baths on Sunday, July 20, with the aim of swimming a total of 65 miles - the distance between the two fur $the st\,points\,of\,the\,county-in$ a single day.

He said: "I only normally swim on holiday, just to have a quick dip and cool down, but I heard about Swim Northants



Denzil Holland is joining the Swim Northants challenge

and thought I'd give it a go.

"I've just got back from holiday in Fuerteventura so I've been practising out there. I'm feeling good and I'll give it my best shot. I shall swim as many lengths as I can as it's for two really worthwhile local chari-

The event will see swimmers attempt to complete a total of 3,465 lengths of the 30 metre pool between them, the equivalent to 65 miles.

Competitorsareaskedfora minimum contribution of £25, which can be raised through sponsorship or by themselves. The fee can be paid through a dedicated page on Virgin Mon-

■ To take part in Swim Northants, register at www. swimnorthants.org or follow @SwimNorthants on Twitter for all the latest news. To make a donation visit http://bit.ly/ S8oUxw.

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# **Appeal for brave Owen, 7**

An appeal has been launched to help a seven-year-old boy from Northamptonshire born with a rare genetic disorder caused by copper deficiency.

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Owen suffers from Menkes Disease, which is characterised by growth failure and extensive neuro-degenerations and follows progressively degenerative path involving several organs of the body, but especially the brain.

Owen's parents, Michelle and Daniel, are determined to make every day as special as possible for their son as they know that his time could be

Having recently discovered the calming benefits of Sensory Equipment, they are working with Caudwell Children charity to raise the £1,300 needed to secure a 'Mixed Light Sensory Pack' for Owen.

The new equipment, which will be procured with fundraising support from Caudwell Children, the national charity that provides practical and emotional support to disabled children and their families, will be a huge help

Michelle said: "Despite



Seven-year-old Owen suffers from Menkes Disease and his family are appealing for help.

being severely mentally and physically disabled, Owen is a

very happy boy.
"With everything that  $Owengoes\,through, he\,always$ tries to come out smiling and tries to enjoy life as much as he possibly can. He really enjoys the lights, images and bubble tubes, they are a distraction from his pain.

"Owen is unable to hold and play with toys so this equipment will make a huge positive difference to his life," she added.

Trudi Beswick, chief executive of Caudwell Children, said: "We need the local community to support Owen's ap-

"Unbelievably, there are on average 100,000 disabled children waiting for appropriate equipment, some of which is not supported through statutory funding. The Mixed Light Sensory Pack will benefit Owen immeasurably and will increase his health and wellbeing."

Caudwell Children are asking local companies and individuals to pledge their support and take on the challenge to raise £1,300 for this much needed equipment.

If you would like to hold a fund-raising event, contact Stacey Smalley, community appeals fund-raiser, on 07812 988905 or email stacey.smalley@caudwellchildren.com

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# Business opens in

# plan to fill shops

A new town centre business has opened in Northampton town centre as part of a campaign to help fill empty units.

Mother and daughter duo, Helen and Christina Dawson, have opened their new barber shop, Just4Men, in Market Walk having received support and guidance from Northampton Business Improvement District (BID) team.

A spokesman for Northampton BID said: "This support complements and reinforces a new £250,000 **Business Incentive Scheme** launched in April by Northampton Borough Council.

The council scheme has already made grants available to five businesses and three vacant town centre units have now been filled: The former News Cafe in Fish Street will be re-opening as Café Creperie; the Drapery will host The No. 48 Cafe; and St Giles Street will be home to the town's first confectionary and dessert parlour, The Magic Bean Emporium."

Michael Dawson, who supports his wife, Helen, with their new barber shop, said: "We were put in touch with Northampton BID by the manager of Market Walk who supported us by helping us locate ourselves in a previously empty retail unit in the shopping centre. Northampton is a wonderful place to be based and we plan to be here for a very

long time." Brendan Bruder, a director of Northampton Town Centre BID, said: "When businesses first voted for the town centre to become a BID back in 2011, a key objective agreed upon was to tackle vacant units.

"It is really great that the council has launched this new initiative, announced in April,

and it is important that the BID plays its part in addressing the challenges of empty retail shops.

"It is important for neighbouring businesses not to be surrounded by empty units. Addressing the challenge of vacant units in Northampton helps increase footfall, improve the presentation of the shopping centre and provides a service of use to people in Northampton," Mr Bruder

For more information about the Business Incentive Scheme, or to find out how to apply for funding, contact Northampton Borough Council's regeneration team on 01604837078.

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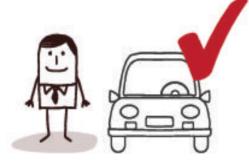
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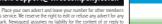
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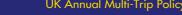
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# New boys impress Wilder

# Cobblers boss delighted as O'Toole claims a hat-trick

#### **FOOTBALL**

Cobblers boss Chris Wilder was impressed with the contribution of the club's summer signings in Saturday's pre-season romp at UCL outfit Sileby Rang-

Town were way too good for their battling hosts, particularly in the second half when the part-timers tired in the July afternoon heat, conceding seven goals after what had been a more competitive first period.

But Wilder still wanted his team to show a good standard, and he believes they did that, and was particularly pleased with the input from the new players.

Kaid Mohamed, John-Joe O'Toole, Marc Richards and Danny Alfei were all given run-outs, with O'Toole scoring a hat-trick, and Wilder said: "We wanted to show good standards, and it is important that with a few players coming into the group, that we made a good impression on Saturday for the supporters.

"I felt we definitely did

"First impressions are really big for me, and in the first half we did things right.

"Kaid and John-Joe did well, with John-Joe scoring his goals, and people know about the other players.

"In the second half Rico led the line well, and it was good.

"Danny had played 70 minutes against Derby (in a midweek friendly) so we were only looking to get him involved in the latter part of the game, but he was excellent going forward.

"And even though it was a different level to what we will be playing and we will have to up our levels as the opposition gets tougher, you can see Danny for what he is, which is an attacking full-back who wants

"I think him and Chris Hackett provided some good combination play down the right hand side."

The Cobblers players head off to Scotland this week for a training camp north of Edinburgh.

They play Scottish Championship side Alloa Athletic in their next pre-season friendly on Thursday.



L John-Joe O'Toole (right) and Marc Richards impressed in Saturday's easy pre-season win at Sileby

# Dickens expects young guns to raise the bar

**ALANDICKENS** is confident Saints' impressive crop of youngsters will step up another level to drive the club on to further glory this sea-

Ethan Waller, Tom Stephenson and Tom Collins

#### **RUGBY**

were among a pool of players who progressed hugely at Franklin's Gardens dur $ing \, the \, previous \, campaign. \,$ 

They plugged the gap left

by injured senior stars and helped propel Saints to silverware in both the Amlin Challenge Cup and Aviva Premiership.

Dickens couldn't have been more impressed with their performances and is  $backing the young \, gunsto \, do$ it all again in the forthcoming campaign.

'It was a massive positive last year with the players thatcamethrough," said Dickens,  $who stepped up from \, his \, role$ as Academy coach to help mentor the first team when Paul Grayson departed in November, 2012.

"There was massive competition in the squad and there were plenty of young lads who had a taste of it last year, with Tom Stephenson,

Will Hooley, Tom Collins, Ethan Waller, Ben Nutley and others.

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